

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2826
Jacques DEGELAEN et al. : Docket No.00292/Case 16.72.US
Serial No. 09/276,923 : Group Art Unit 1645
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**PROCESS FOR DETERMINING ANTIBIOTICS
CONTAINING A B-LACTAM RING IN A BIOLOGICAL FLUID**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

37. (New) A process according to claim 16, wherein the antibiotic or antibiotics may be detected in 5 minutes or less.

38. (New) The process according to claim 16, wherein the antibiotic or antibiotics may be detected in 3 minutes.

39. (New) The process according to claim 16, wherein the antibiotic or antibiotics is at least one of penicillin G, ampicillin, amoxycillin or cloxacillin.